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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0745

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SO ET US

SUBJ: SOMALI ATTACKS ON WESTERN PRESS

REF: MOGADISCIO 0703 AND 0726

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SIAD LAST EVENING, I SAID I THOUGHT GSDR HAD OVERREACTED TO ARTICLES ON SOMALIA THAT HAD RECENTLY APPEARED IN WESTERN PRESS. ALL TOO MUCH ATTENTION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE AND VOA'S CARRYING IT. IT WAS LUDICROUS TO ALLEGE THAT "WESTERN IMPERIALISM" -- READ US -- WAS ORCHESTRATING HOSTILE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOMALIA.

2. I ADDED THAT BLASTS OF THIS NATURE HAD CREATED VERY UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION IN WASHINGTON JUST AT MOMENT WHEN USG WAS TRYING TO CALM DOWN ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOMALI THREAT.

3. PRESIDENT WAS ON DEFENSIVE. HE FIRST ALLEGED THAT MENTION OF "IMPERIALISTS" DID NOT NECESSARILY POINT TO USG. WHEN I REJECTED THIS, SIAD RATHER LAMELY SAID THAT HE COULD NOT  
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CONTROL EVERYTHING PUT OUT BY HIS GOVERNMENT OR BY SOMALI  
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